

THE EAST LONDON RAILWAY JOINT COMMITTEE.

MANAGERS' MEETING :

AT BRIGHTON CO.'S GENERAL OFFICES, AT 3 P.M., *Monday, 13th October, 1913.*

PRESENT :

BRIGHTON COMPANY	Mr. Wm. FORBES.
"	Mr. P. VIVIAN ROSE.
GREAT EASTERN	Mr. W. H. HYDE.
METROPOLITAN	Mr. R. H. SELBIE.
"	Mr. KITCAT.
SOUTH EASTERN & CHATHAM MANAGING COMMITTEE	Mr. F. H. DENT.
EAST LONDON RAILWAY JOINT COMMITTEE and Mr. J. G. BRISTOW, <i>Solicitor.</i>	Mr. W. H. PARSONS.

Mr. WILLIAM FORBES *in the Chair.*

The General Managers met as above and discussed the following questions:—

1. Future Electric Stock Working. Agreement with Metropolitan Co.

Various verbal amendments were agreed to as noted by the Solicitors.

Mr. Selbie undertook to supply information showing how the figure of 6% for depreciation was arrived at, and to specify as to what parts of the equipment would come under A and B, respectively, in the Schedule.

2. Advertising Rents. Agreement with Messrs. W. H. Smith & Son.

CONSIDERED—

REPORT FROM MESSRS. HITCHCOCK AND PARNWELL, DATED 10TH OCTOBER, 1913.

ADVERTISING AND BOOKSTALL CONTRACT.

" Referring to Minute No. 3178 of the 9th July last, we have negotiated with Messrs. W. H. Smith & Son in reference to this matter and the firm are prepared to improve upon the offer to the Secretary dated 21st April last and are willing to agree to terms as under:—

" To pay to the Joint Committee in respect of Advertising 7½ per cent. of the Gross Receipts
" and in respect of Bookstalls 7 per cent of the Gross Receipts with a minimum payment of
" £70 per annum.

" The advertising Gross Receipts to include revenue received from advertising newspaper contents
" bills and all framed advertisements on Bookstalls.

" As regards the duration of the contract Messrs. W. H. Smith & Son press very strongly for at least seven years and in support of their argument point out that a term of three years will not offer sufficient inducement for them to spend money on the development of the business as they find it advantageous in many instances to make contracts for advertisements for considerable periods. They are prepared to modify their application for a term of ten years, but the least they are prepared to accept is seven years. In this connection we would point out that the Committee are on a sharing basis and if the business should improve the payments to the Committee will correspondingly increase.

" If on the other hand the business remains stationary the present guaranteed minimum of £70 per annum is all the Committee can reasonably expect to obtain.

" Having regard to all the circumstances we are of opinion these terms are the best obtainable
" and we beg leave to recommend them for acceptance."

It was agreed to recommend that this report be approved the term of the agreement to be seven years.

3. Electrical Working Expenses in New Cross (S. E. & C.) Station. Agreement with South Eastern Co.

Mr. Dent asked that his Company should be put on the same terms as the Brighton Company with regard to chainage, viz., that they should take all the receipts for their chainage proportion less $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. to be allowed to the Joint Committee for working expenses.

He also asked for a further allowance to be made to the S. E. & C. Co. for the user of New Cross Station.

The matter was discussed and ultimately consideration was further deferred.

4. Old Kent Road Branch.

The question of the Permanent Way materials on this Branch was considered, and it was agreed to recommend that the old materials be recovered and credited to maintenance account.

5. Traffic Wages.

(a.) SIGNALMEN'S APPLICATION FOR INCREASED WAGES.

It was agreed that the Canal Junction men be paid the same as those at Whitechapel Junction, the cost being £9. 15s. 0d.

(b.) STATION-MASTERS' APPLICATION FOR SUNDAY PAY.

After discussion it was agreed that the application be declined.

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MANAGERS' MEETING :

AT CANNON STREET HOTEL, AT 2.30 P.M., Friday, 23rd January, 1914.

PRESENT :

BRIGHTON COMPANY	Mr. WILLIAM FORBES.
GREAT EASTERN „	Mr. W. H. HYDE.
„ „	Mr. FIRTH.
METROPOLITAN „	Mr. R. H. SELBIE.
SOUTH EASTERN & CHATHAM MANAGING COMMITTEE	Mr. F. H. DENT.
EAST LONDON RAILWAY JOINT COMMITTEE	Mr. W. H. PARSONS.
and Mr. J. G. BRISTOW, <i>Solicitor.</i>	

Mr. WILLIAM FORBES *in the Chair.*

The General Managers met as above and discussed the following questions:—

1. Future Electric Stock Working. Agreement with Metropolitan Co.

Verbal amendment to the schedule was agreed to, as noted by the Solicitor, and the agreement was then ordered to be executed.

2. Electrical Working Expenses in New Cross (S.E.&C.) Station. Agreement with South Eastern Co.

Mr. Dent asked that his Company should be put on the same terms as the Brighton Company with regard to chainage, viz., that they should take all the receipts for their chainage proportion less 33½ per cent. to be allowed to the Joint Committee for working expenses.

It was agreed to recommend this to the Committee.

Mr. Dent also asked for a further allowance to be made to the S.E. & C. Co. for the user of New Cross Station.

The matter was thoroughly discussed, Mr. Dent producing figures showing expenses at New Cross Station, and it was agreed to recommend that £500 per annum be paid to the South Eastern Company for the user of the Station.

It was also agreed that the above being entered on the Minutes of the Joint Committee would obviate the necessity for a formal agreement.

3. Brighton Co.—Further Metallic Circuiting.

The Brighton Co. required the metallic circuiting on their line to be extended between Brockley and Forest Hill, owing to electrical disturbance with signalling instruments.

It was agreed to recommend that this be referred to Messrs. Firth and Jones for their report thereon.

4. Brighton Co.—Platelayers' Application for Increased Pay.

It was agreed to recommend that this be agreed to.

5. Joint Surveyors for Rating, etc.

The fee to be paid these gentlemen was discussed, and it was agreed to recommend that they receive fifty pounds each per annum.

6. Electrical Advisory Committee (Messrs. Firth and Jones).

The honorarium to be paid these gentlemen for the consideration of matters referred to them in connection with "Electrification" was discussed, and it was agreed to recommend that they receive fifty guineas each, to be debited to Electrification Capital Account.

7. Frost and Snow on East London Rails.

REPORTED—

That the Metropolitan Co. offered to provide a specially fitted vehicle to clear East London rails of frost and snow, when necessary, at an inclusive cost of £100 to £125.

The question was discussed, and it was agreed that it be referred to the Electrical Engineers (Messrs. Firth and Jones) together with Mr. Billinton, to consider whether some apparatus for prompt attachment to a locomotive engine, when required, would not be practicable, and save the expense of the vehicle.